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C O N F I D E N T I A L ACCRA 1583

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, GH  
SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING TO THE CONGRESS -- GHANA

REF: STATE 046674

1. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE DO NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO BRING HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON GHANA TO ATTENTION OF GOG AT THIS TIME. WHILE GHANA COMES OFF COMPARATIVELY WELL IN REPORT, WE BELIEVE COMMENTS ON UNION GOVERNMENT, GOG CONTROL OF PRESS AND ON TORTURE MAY OFFEND GOG. WHILE WE DO NOT THINK REPORT WILL SERIOUSLY DISTURB US/GHANA RELATIONS IF IT BECOMES KNOWN TO GOG, WE PREFER NOT TO RAISE THIS ISSUE UNLESS CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST SURFACES OR GOG MENTIONS IT TO US.

2. ONLY SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN REPORT WE SUGGEST RELATES TO UNION GOVERNMENT. IN PRESENT FORM, REPORT SAYS RESPONSE TO UNION GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN GENERALLY FAVORABLE. WE NOW FEEL RESPONSE HAS BEEN LUKEWARM AT BEST, WITH UNDERCURRENTS OF HOSTILITY OFTEN APPEARING. GOG'S CONTINUING REFUSAL TO DEFINE WHAT IT MEANS BY UNION GOVERNMENT AND GROWING CONVICTION THAT CONCEPT IS MERELY A RUSE TO KEEP MILITARY IN POWER HAVE SERIOUSLY UNDERCUT ACCEPTANCE OF IDEA. SUGGEST APPROPRIATE REVISION OF REPORT IF FEASIBLE.

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